

Resolution No.: 17-596  
Introduced: November 6, 2012  
Adopted: November 13, 2012

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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By: County Council

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**SUBJECT:** Approval of FY14 request for State Funding of Montgomery County School Construction Program and Approval of Five-Year Capital Improvements Program Estimates for FY15-19

**Background**

1. Section 5-301 of the Education Article, Maryland Code, as amended, authorizes the State Board of Public Works to adopt rules, regulations, and procedures for the administration of the school construction program.
2. These rules, regulations, and procedures require each local Board of Education to submit to the Interagency Committee, by November 28, 2012, its updated and detailed capital improvements program for the following year, and a school capital improvements program for the ensuing five fiscal years, both of which shall have been approved by the local governing body.
3. In Montgomery County, the local governing body includes the County Executive, who is authorized to review and make recommendations, and the County Council, which is required to approve the Capital Improvements Program.
4. Montgomery County Public Schools' latest estimate for its State funding eligibility for FY14 is \$147,349,000. This estimate may change based on future changes to the Approved FY13-18 Capital Improvements Program and/or further discussions with Board of Public Works staff.
5. For FY15 and beyond, an amount of \$596,565,000 in State aid eligibility is assumed for currently approved projects.
6. The rules, regulations and procedures for the administration of the school construction program adopted by the State Board of Public Works provide for amendments during the course of the year to the Five-Year Capital Improvements Program.
7. The County Council realizes that, for a project for which State funding is approved, County funding may be required to supplement State funds.

8. State aid for school construction funding has not kept pace with Montgomery County's school infrastructure needs. Montgomery County Public School enrollment is the largest and fastest growing of any jurisdiction in the State of Maryland, making up over 17 percent of total statewide public school enrollment. However, Montgomery County's share of school construction funding has consistently been far less than its share of public school students. For FY13, Montgomery County's share of State aid for school construction funding was 12.3 percent.
9. The County Council continues to support review by the Interagency Committee on School Construction of the State's eligibility guidelines, especially with regard to projects forward-funded by Montgomery County and the square footage eligibility formulas that negatively affect capital funding for classrooms needed to accommodate class size reduction initiatives.

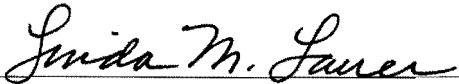
**Action**

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

The County Council for Montgomery County supports the Montgomery County Public Schools FY14 State aid request for the Montgomery County School Construction Program.

The County Council intends to provide the operating funds necessary to operate and maintain the facilities for which FY14 State capital funding is approved.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

  
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Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council